



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Area Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

429 Billingsley Rd., 2nd Floor
Charlotte, NC 28211-1098

Transition of Child Level III and IV Residential Services

Current Residential Placement Status:

- 71 currently placed in Level III (originally 139) – 51% decrease
- 4 currently placed in level IV (originally 8) – 50% decrease
- 36 involved with DJJ
- 17 involved with DSS
- 100 internal risk assessments/paper triages completed
- 95 have first transition planning CFT scheduled/completed
- 74 have second transition planning CFT scheduled/completed
- 68 consumers discharged from level III
- 4 consumers discharged from level IV

Provider Relations/Capacity Report:

- No identified service gaps
- Challenges/Opportunities for growth:
 1. Endorsed providers reluctant to accept highly acute consumers coming from Level III and IV placements.
 2. Training of foster parents to be equipped to handle more acute consumers
 3. Training on how to implement EPSDT requirements so that consumers can get the required services in TFC homes or in their own home settings.

Transition Plans:

Process

- The overall process for the level III and IV transition to assure coordination with other agencies (e.g. juvenile justice, Value Options) has been successful. Plans are to proceed with ongoing collaboration via the following key strategies already implemented:
 1. The level III/IV consumer's are followed by the Intensive Care Management (ICM) staff and SOC Coordinator until each consumer is transitioned to either a higher or lower level of care.
 2. Specialized case staffing is coordinated by the ICM Supervisor who also serves as the DJJDP liaison for Utilization Management.

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3. The SOC Coordinator will jointly convene a Child and Family Team meeting with the Qualified Professional for all new admissions to level III/Level IV placements to ensure the appropriateness of authorization request and foster fidelity to SOC philosophy and Wraparound practice.
4. Discharge plans required for residential service re-authorizations will be reviewed and signed off by the SOC Coordinator or designee through the Care Review Team process.
5. SOC Coaches are available and assigned to MeckCARES consumers placed in Level III/IV homes as needed and requested.
6. Interagency Group Case Consultation is encouraged and available for MeckCARES enrolled consumers placed in Level III/IV homes on a monthly basis.
7. Ongoing dissemination information/updates via Hot Sheet announcements and at InfoShare and other community venues.

Projected Deadline:

- A deadline for the completion of this process is fluid due to the State still allowing concurrent and new authorizations for level III/IV placements.
- A consumer's acuity level and medical necessity dictates new or continued involvement in residential placements which prohibits the ability to project a definitive deadline. For highly acute consumers, cases are staffed with the medical director to recommend a higher placement such as PRTF, or an extended discharge plan date (typically 60 additional days) in which an increase in case monitoring occurs as a result.

Mecklenburg Level III Residential Facilities

